Board of Equalization

December 1, 2005

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Memorandum

: Honorable John Chiang, Chair То

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From: Ramon J. Hirsig

Executive Director

Subject: Executive Director Report - December 13, 2005

Report on November Multistate Tax Commission Fall Meetings

Board personnel participated in the Multistate Tax Commission's Fall Program and Executive Committee meetings, held November 6-10, 2005. Selvi Stanislaus, Acting Assistant Chief Counsel, attended the Fall Program portion of the meetings November 6-8. I participated in the Executive Committee meeting of November 10.

During the meetings, no votes committing California to any particular course of action were taken. Discussions were held regarding affiliate nexus, certain federal legislation affecting states, funding an MTC program to discover abusive tax shelters, and the work MTC committees have been performing on various matters. You will be provided with a copy of the meeting minutes as soon as they are finalized for distribution.

I believe the Board of Equalization's participation in these meetings was particularly valuable for the ability to interact and network with other state Tax Administrators (TAs). Revenue Commissioners from 18 states participated in the Executive Committee meetings as well as a number of interested parties. Continued participation in MTC meetings will allow us to establish solid working relationships with other states and allow us to leverage their knowledge and experience. Furthermore, continued participation will allow California to take the lead in those areas we determine to be of the greatest importance to our state.

I am continuing to work with the Franchise Tax Board on two documents. First, a memorandum of agreement to formalize a process for sharing information and obtaining input for each agency prior to an MTC vote being cast and, secondly, the matrix of MTC Pending Issues.

I have attached for your review the MTC Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2004 and 2005.

RJH:rm Attachment

cc: Ms. Audrey Noda

Mr. Neil Shah

Ms. Sylvia Tang

Ms. Barbara Alby

Ms. Marcy Jo Mandel

Financial Statements and Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants

June 30, 2005 and 2004



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FUND BALANCE - Unappropriated - Beginning of Year	 736,436	866,127		
FUND BALANCE - Unappropriated - End of Year	\$ 786,702 \$	736,436		

Eı	nterprise		Membership						
Au	tomation	Nexus		Nexus Development					
]	Project	Activities		Education	aı	nd Relations		Total	
\$	578,276	\$ 90,000	\$	50,915	\$	28,855	\$	809,520	
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	(21,272)			(43,244)				(76,926)	
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\$	470,447	\$ 90,000	\$	<u>-</u>	\$	28,855	\$	638,366	

Statements of Changes in Fund Balance

Restricted Funds

For the Years Ended June 30,

			Nexus	Special		
	4R	R Project	Program	Deregulation	Audit	Total
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$	84,694	\$ 266,788	\$ 51,148	\$ -	\$ 402,630
Revenue		-	733,252	-	100,830	834,082
Expenses		_	837,058	45,450	92,741	975,249
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses		-	(103,806)	(45,450)	8,089	(141,167)
Transfer to Unappropriated Fund Balance	and service of	(24,000)				(24,000)
Fund Balance - June 30, 2004		60,694	162,982	5,698	8,089	237,463
Revenue		-	796,320	-	-	796,320
Expenses		_	772,349	5,698		778,047
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses		-	23,971	(5,698)	-	18,273
Transfer to Unappropriated Fund Balance		(18,000)				(18,000)
Fund Balance - June 30, 2005	\$	42,694	\$ 186,953	\$ -	\$ 8,089	\$ 237,736

Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended June 30,

	2005	2004		
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Cash Flows From Operating Activities				
Excess of revenue over (under) expenses	\$ (43,689)	\$ (371,784)		
Adjustments to reconcile excess of revenue over (under)				
expenses to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Depreciation and amortization	109,717	106,442		
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	13,038	6,052		
Changes in assets and liabilities				
Accounts receivable				
Members	27,330	(20,849)		
Schools	(31,937)	15,110		
Special projects	(9,565)	-		
Prepaid expenses	33,976	(27,841)		
Deposits	-	(233)		
Expense account advances	400	100		
Accounts payable	4,523	(1,785)		
Payroll taxes withheld and accrued	(1,083)	(1,369)		
Accrued salaries and vacation pay	(27,313)	21,355		
Deferred assessments and audit reimbursements	256,415	51,305		
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	331,812	(223,497)		
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Purchase of property and equipment	(98,878)	(125,556)		
Increase in capital lease	-	20,000		
Payments on capital lease	(6,176)	(7,989)		
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(105,054)	(113,545)		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	226,758	(337,042)		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	1,797,550	2,134,592		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$ 2,024,308	\$ 1,797,550		
Supplemental Disclosures				
Income taxes paid	\$	<u> </u>		
Interest paid	\$ 1,444	\$ 1,906		

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Multistate Tax Commission (the Commission) was organized in 1967. It was established under the Multistate Tax Compact, which by its terms, became effective August 4, 1967. The basic objective of the 'Compact' and, accordingly, the Commission is to provide solutions and additional facilities for dealing with state taxing problems related to multi-jurisdictional business.

Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Commission considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Commission considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. If amounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to operations when that determination is made.

Property and Equipment

All property and equipment is stated at cost and depreciated using straight-line and accelerated methods based upon estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold Improvements 5 years
Office Furniture and Equipment 5 to 7 years

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to the appropriate expense accounts as incurred. Expenditures for renewals or betterments which materially extend the useful lives of assets or increase their productivity are capitalized at cost. The costs and related allowances for depreciation of assets retired or otherwise disposed of are eliminated from the accounts. The resulting gains or losses are included in the determination of excess of revenue over expenses.

Deferred Assessments and Audit Reimbursements

Assessments and audit reimbursements are due from the respective states on July 1st of each year and cover the following twelve-month period. Assessments received prior to July 1st for the following year are unearned and considered deferred income until recognized as revenue in the following year.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Income Taxes

In the opinion of legal counsel, the Commission is exempt from Federal income taxes as well as from other Federal taxes as an organization of a group of States or as an instrumentality of those States. Therefore, no provision has been made in the financial statements for Federal income taxes.

2. Retirement Plan

Effective June 30, 1986, the Commission adopted a defined contribution plan to be funded at a rate of twelve percent of each participating individual's annual salary. To participate in this plan, employees are required to work more than certain pre-determined hourly and monthly levels throughout the plan year. The total pension expense relating to the defined contribution plan for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$345,458 and \$341,750, respectively.

3. Commitments

The Commission rents its office facilities in Washington, D.C., Texas, New York, and Illinois under lease agreements with terms expiring on various dates through December 31, 2009. These leases provide for the following minimum annual base rentals exclusive of utility charges and certain escalation charges:

	M	inimum
Fiscal Year Ended:	Annu	al Payment
2006	\$	287,219
2007		281,367
2008		172,933
2009		44,395
2010		21,930

The leases include certain escalation charges based on various factors including utility, operating expense and property tax increases from a base year. Rent expense, exclusive of utility charges and real estate taxes, for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$294,644 and \$283,187, respectively.

4. Appropriated Fund Balances

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Enterprise Automation fund in the amount of \$73,000 during the year ended June 30, 1997. An additional \$614,298 has been authorized in subsequent years. The purpose of this fund is to provide support, through professional services, for developing enterprise-wide applications for managing the Commission information resources in a manner that enhances its operations.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Nexus Activities fund in the amount of \$80,000 during the year ended June 30, 1997. An additional net amount of \$20,000 has been authorized in subsequent years. The purpose of this fund is to provide support for Commission nexus activities including, a) research and writing on Constitutional nexus issues and b) a reserve for professional services to support work on potential nexus cases in litigation.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Membership Development and Relations fund in the amount of \$150,000 during the year ended June 30, 2000. The purpose of this fund is to support efforts aimed at increasing membership.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Cooperative Audit Study fund in the amount of \$40,000 during the year ended June 30, 2002. The purpose of this fund is to evaluate the expansion of cooperative auditing among states. At July 1, 2003, the remaining balance in the fund was transferred to the State Tax Compliance fund.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the State Tax Compliance fund in the amount of \$23,918 during the year ended June 30, 2004. The purpose of this fund is to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission's State Tax Compliance Initiative and the measures to improve state tax compliance by multistate taxpayers as approved by the Executive Committee or Commission.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Nexus Education fund in the amount of \$100,000 during the year ended June 30, 2002. The purpose of this fund is to educate federal and state policymakers and the public concerning issues and standards of Nexus for state taxation of interstate commerce to advance the goal of preserving the ability of states to tax a fair share of such commerce and for preventing the unwarranted restrictions on state jurisdictional authority.

5. Restricted Fund Balances

During the year ended June 30, 1988, the 4R Program was established whereby contributions received are restricted to use for supporting education, lobbying and legal expenses related to this property tax project. The purpose of the project is to provide for research activities as well as to seek favorable changes in Federal laws which are related to property tax restrictions of state and local governments.

5. Restricted Fund Balances (Continued)

During the year ended June 30, 1991, the National Nexus program was established. This program, funded by participating states, aims to encourage and secure taxpayer compliance with current state laws through a centralized taxpayer registration information service, a liability resolution process and information sharing among member states. The contributions received from the participating states are restricted for this purpose.

During the year ended June 30, 1999, the Deregulation project was established. This project provides technical assistance to help states adapt their tax policies to the deregulation of major industries, with an initial focus on electric utility deregulation. The contributions received from the participating states are restricted for this purpose.

6. TaxNet Governmental Communications Corporation (TaxNet)

TaxNet is a separate corporation organized as a public charity and instrumentality of the states for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and administering an electronic communications network to allow subscriber access to tax information and communication with governmental tax offices. The corporation is managed by a board of directors, which includes, in accordance with its bylaws, the Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director of Multistate Tax Commission.

Among other things, the Commission assisted in the formation of TaxNet by contributing legal services. The Commission continues to assist TaxNet by contributing other legal services. Such services have not been reflected separately in the accompanying financial statements, because such amounts are not material.

7. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Commission offers employees a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. In accordance with federal law, participants' deferred compensation under the plan is trusteed and thus shielded against the claims of the creditors of the Commission and therefore, not included in these financial statements.

The Commission believes it has no liability for losses under the plan but does have a duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor.

Investments are managed by the plan's trustee under twenty seven investment options or a combination thereof. The participants make the choice of the investment option(s).

8. Allocation of Administrative Expenses

The administrative costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been allocated among the programs and supporting services, based on total operating costs.

9. Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

10. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Commission maintains cash balances in excess of \$100,000 in a bank in the State of Colorado. The Commission is an eligible account holder under Colorado's "Public Deposit Protection Act of 1975". The purpose of the act is to provide protection of public moneys on deposit in state and national banks in Colorado and beyond that provided by the federal deposit insurance corporation and to ensure prompt payment of deposit liabilities to governmental units in the event of default or insolvency of any such banks.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants on Supplementary Information

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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Multistate Tax Commission for the year ended June 30, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of expenses for the year ended June 30, 2005, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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September 21, 2005

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Education		Funds	Deregulati	on	Program	F	unds		Funds
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_		104,286		-	5,431		5,431		109,717
-		525,199		-	76,056		76,056		601,255
-		13,847		-	294		294		14,141
-		51,710		-	4,706		4,706		56,416
-		-		-	1,040		1,040		1,040
-		305,377		-	40,081		40,081		345,458
-		28,582		-	5,180		5,180		33,762
-		21,941		-	1,309		1,309		23,250
-		29,173		-	912		912		30,085
-		8,811		_	-		-		8,811
-		233,343		-	61,301		61,301		294,644
-		2,940		-	-		-		2,940
-		2,520,232		-	332,831		332,831		2,853,063
-		42,555		-	-		-		42,555
-		26,200		-	3,946		3,946		30,146
-		40,819	5,	000	13,292		18,292		59,111
-		65,150		-	9,540		9,540		74,690
-		295,728		-	15,160		15,160		310,888
-		(8,800)		-	(7,040)	(7,040)		(15,840)
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FUND BALANCE - Unappropriated - End of Year	<u>\$</u>	786,702 \$	736,436		

Er	nterprise –		Membership							
Au	tomation	Nexus	Nexus	Dev	elopment					
]	Project	Activities	Educatio	n and	Relations	Total				
\$	578,276	\$ 90,000	\$ 50	,915 \$	28,855	\$ 809,520				
	-	-		-	-	-				
-	(21,272)		(43	,244)	_	(76,926)				
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<u>\$</u>	470,447	\$ 90,000	\$	\$	28,855	\$ 638,366				

MULTISTATE TAX COMMISSION Statements of Changes in Fund Balance Restricted Funds

For the Years Ended June 30,

	Nexus					Special					
	4R Project		F	rogram	De	eregulation	Audit			Total	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2003	\$	84,694	\$	266,788	\$	51,148	\$	-	\$	402,630	
Revenue		-		733,252		-		100,830		834,082	
Expenses				837,058	•	45,450	Minarom	92,741		975,249	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses		-		(103,806)		(45,450)		8,089		(141,167)	
Transfer to Unappropriated Fund Balance		(24,000)	-	<u>-</u>		-			-	(24,000)	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2004		60,694		162,982		5,698		8,089		237,463	
Revenue		-		796,320		-		-		796,320	
Expenses		· -		772,349		5,698			-	778,047	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Over Expenses		-		23,971		(5,698)		-		18,273	
Transfer to Unappropriated Fund Balance		(18,000)				-				(18,000)	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2005	\$	42,694	\$	186,953	<u>\$</u>	-	<u>\$</u>	8,089	<u>\$</u>	237,736	

Statements of Cash Flows For the Years Ended June 30,

	2005			2004
Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents				
Cash Flows From Operating Activities				
Excess of revenue over (under) expenses	\$	(43,689)	\$	(371,784)
Adjustments to reconcile excess of revenue over (under)				·
expenses to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities				
Depreciation and amortization		109,717		106,442
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		13,038		6,052
Changes in assets and liabilities				
Accounts receivable				
Members		27,330		(20,849)
Schools		(31,937)		15,110
Special projects		(9,565)		-
Prepaid expenses		33,976		(27,841)
Deposits		-		(233)
Expense account advances		400		100
Accounts payable		4,523		(1,785)
Payroll taxes withheld and accrued		(1,083)		(1,369)
Accrued salaries and vacation pay		(27,313)		21,355
Deferred assessments and audit reimbursements		256,415		51,305
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities		331,812		(223,497)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Purchase of property and equipment		(98,878)		(125,556)
Increase in capital lease		-		20,000
Payments on capital lease		(6,176)		(7,989)
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities		(105,054)		(113,545)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		226,758		(337,042)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year		1,797,550		2,134,592
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$	2,024,308	\$	1,797,550
Supplemental Disclosures				
Income taxes paid	\$	_	\$	_
Interest paid	\$	1,444	\$	1,906
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Multistate Tax Commission (the Commission) was organized in 1967. It was established under the Multistate Tax Compact, which by its terms, became effective August 4, 1967. The basic objective of the 'Compact' and, accordingly, the Commission is to provide solutions and additional facilities for dealing with state taxing problems related to multi-jurisdictional business.

Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Commission considers all highly liquid instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are stated at the amount management expects to collect from outstanding balances. The Commission considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible; accordingly, no allowance for doubtful accounts is required. If amounts become uncollectible, they will be charged to operations when that determination is made.

Property and Equipment

All property and equipment is stated at cost and depreciated using straight-line and accelerated methods based upon estimated useful lives as follows:

Leasehold Improvements 5 years
Office Furniture and Equipment 5 to 7 years

Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to the appropriate expense accounts as incurred. Expenditures for renewals or betterments which materially extend the useful lives of assets or increase their productivity are capitalized at cost. The costs and related allowances for depreciation of assets retired or otherwise disposed of are eliminated from the accounts. The resulting gains or losses are included in the determination of excess of revenue over expenses.

Deferred Assessments and Audit Reimbursements

Assessments and audit reimbursements are due from the respective states on July 1st of each year and cover the following twelve-month period. Assessments received prior to July 1st for the following year are unearned and considered deferred income until recognized as revenue in the following year.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Income Taxes

In the opinion of legal counsel, the Commission is exempt from Federal income taxes as well as from other Federal taxes as an organization of a group of States or as an instrumentality of those States. Therefore, no provision has been made in the financial statements for Federal income taxes.

2. Retirement Plan

Effective June 30, 1986, the Commission adopted a defined contribution plan to be funded at a rate of twelve percent of each participating individual's annual salary. To participate in this plan, employees are required to work more than certain pre-determined hourly and monthly levels throughout the plan year. The total pension expense relating to the defined contribution plan for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$345,458 and \$341,750, respectively.

3. Commitments

The Commission rents its office facilities in Washington, D.C., Texas, New York, and Illinois under lease agreements with terms expiring on various dates through December 31, 2009. These leases provide for the following minimum annual base rentals exclusive of utility charges and certain escalation charges:

Minim	Minimum			
Annual Pa	Annual Payment			
\$ 28	7,219			
28	1,367			
173	2,933			
4	4,395			
2	1,930			
	Annual Pa \$ 28' 28' 172 44			

The leases include certain escalation charges based on various factors including utility, operating expense and property tax increases from a base year. Rent expense, exclusive of utility charges and real estate taxes, for the years ended June 30, 2005 and 2004 was \$294,644 and \$283,187, respectively.

4. Appropriated Fund Balances

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Enterprise Automation fund in the amount of \$73,000 during the year ended June 30, 1997. An additional \$614,298 has been authorized in subsequent years. The purpose of this fund is to provide support, through professional services, for developing enterprise-wide applications for managing the Commission information resources in a manner that enhances its operations.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Nexus Activities fund in the amount of \$80,000 during the year ended June 30, 1997. An additional net amount of \$20,000 has been authorized in subsequent years. The purpose of this fund is to provide support for Commission nexus activities including, a) research and writing on Constitutional nexus issues and b) a reserve for professional services to support work on potential nexus cases in litigation.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Membership Development and Relations fund in the amount of \$150,000 during the year ended June 30, 2000. The purpose of this fund is to support efforts aimed at increasing membership.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Cooperative Audit Study fund in the amount of \$40,000 during the year ended June 30, 2002. The purpose of this fund is to evaluate the expansion of cooperative auditing among states. At July 1, 2003, the remaining balance in the fund was transferred to the State Tax Compliance fund.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the State Tax Compliance fund in the amount of \$23,918 during the year ended June 30, 2004. The purpose of this fund is to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission's State Tax Compliance Initiative and the measures to improve state tax compliance by multistate taxpayers as approved by the Executive Committee or Commission.

The Commission's executive committee authorized the Nexus Education fund in the amount of \$100,000 during the year ended June 30, 2002. The purpose of this fund is to educate federal and state policymakers and the public concerning issues and standards of Nexus for state taxation of interstate commerce to advance the goal of preserving the ability of states to tax a fair share of such commerce and for preventing the unwarranted restrictions on state jurisdictional authority.

5. Restricted Fund Balances

During the year ended June 30, 1988, the 4R Program was established whereby contributions received are restricted to use for supporting education, lobbying and legal expenses related to this property tax project. The purpose of the project is to provide for research activities as well as to seek favorable changes in Federal laws which are related to property tax restrictions of state and local governments.

5. Restricted Fund Balances (Continued)

During the year ended June 30, 1991, the National Nexus program was established. This program, funded by participating states, aims to encourage and secure taxpayer compliance with current state laws through a centralized taxpayer registration information service, a liability resolution process and information sharing among member states. The contributions received from the participating states are restricted for this purpose.

During the year ended June 30, 1999, the Deregulation project was established. This project provides technical assistance to help states adapt their tax policies to the deregulation of major industries, with an initial focus on electric utility deregulation. The contributions received from the participating states are restricted for this purpose.

6. TaxNet Governmental Communications Corporation (TaxNet)

TaxNet is a separate corporation organized as a public charity and instrumentality of the states for the purpose of establishing, maintaining and administering an electronic communications network to allow subscriber access to tax information and communication with governmental tax offices. The corporation is managed by a board of directors, which includes, in accordance with its bylaws, the Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director of Multistate Tax Commission.

Among other things, the Commission assisted in the formation of TaxNet by contributing legal services. The Commission continues to assist TaxNet by contributing other legal services. Such services have not been reflected separately in the accompanying financial statements, because such amounts are not material.

7. Deferred Compensation Plan

The Commission offers employees a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan permits employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. Participation in the plan is optional. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. In accordance with federal law, participants' deferred compensation under the plan is trusteed and thus shielded against the claims of the creditors of the Commission and therefore, not included in these financial statements.

The Commission believes it has no liability for losses under the plan but does have a duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor.

Investments are managed by the plan's trustee under twenty seven investment options or a combination thereof. The participants make the choice of the investment option(s).

8. Allocation of Administrative Expenses

The administrative costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been allocated among the programs and supporting services, based on total operating costs.

9. Use of Estimates

In preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period, and disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

10. Concentration of Credit Risk

The Commission maintains cash balances in excess of \$100,000 in a bank in the State of Colorado. The Commission is an eligible account holder under Colorado's "Public Deposit Protection Act of 1975". The purpose of the act is to provide protection of public moneys on deposit in state and national banks in Colorado and beyond that provided by the federal deposit insurance corporation and to ensure prompt payment of deposit liabilities to governmental units in the event of default or insolvency of any such banks.





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Report of Independent Certified Public Accountants on Supplementary Information

Executive Committee
Multistate Tax Commission

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Multistate Tax Commission for the year ended June 30, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The schedule of expenses for the year ended June 30, 2005, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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September 21, 2005

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		Total										
		Unappropriated			Na	tional	7	Fotal		Total		
Nexus		and Appropriated			N	lexus	Restricted			All		
Education	n	Funds	Dereg	gulation	Pr	ogram	am Funds		Funds			Funds
\$	-	\$ 12,961	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	12,961		
	-	25,527		-		-		-	*****	25,527		
	-	127,349				9,203		9,203		136,552		
7,67	71	410,703		-		21,446		21,446		432,149		
424	-	120,000		-		20,000		20,000		140,000		
	-	104,286		-		5,431		5,431		109,717		
	-	525,199		-		76,056		76,056		601,255		
	-	13,847		_	management of the control of the con	294	Older Colored and the	294	of a villa acce	14,141		
	-	51,710		-		4,706		4,706		56,416		
	-	-		-		1,040		1,040		1,040		
	-	305,377		-		40,081		40,081		345,458		
	-	28,582		-		5,180		5,180		33,762		
	-	21,941		-		1,309		1,309		23,250		
	-	29,173		-		912		912		30,085		
	-	8,811		100		-		-		8,811		
	-	233,343		-		61,301		61,301		294,644		
	-	2,940		-		-		-		2,940		
	-	2,520,232		-		332,831		332,831		2,853,063		
	-	42,555		· -		-		-		42,555		
	-	26,200		-		3,946		3,946		30,146		
	-	40,819		5,000		13,292		18,292		59,111		
	-	65,150		-		9,540		9,540		74,690		
	-	295,728		-		15,160		15,160		310,888		
	-	(8,800)		-		(7,040)		(7,040)		(15,840)		
	-	(140,000)		-	, a a modific	-		_		(140,000)		
		(158,359)		698	-	157,661		158,359		<u> </u>		
\$ 7,67	71	\$ 4,705,274	\$	5,698	\$	772,349	\$	778,047	\$_	5,483,321		